

JAN 24 2018

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL
AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
SERVICE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the University of
2 Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human resources is in
3 critical need of personnel for its cooperative extension service
4 to improve and strengthen Hawaii's sustainability in agriculture
5 through educational programs. The college of tropical
6 agriculture and human resources houses a cooperative extension
7 service, which partners with federal, state, and county
8 governments to provide science-based information and education
9 programs in agriculture, natural resources, and human resources.
10 The cooperative extension service offices are located throughout
11 the State, with roughly twenty-five extension agents statewide.
12 The cooperative extension service provides valuable tools
13 accessible to the public to strengthen communities and sustain
14 Hawaii's agricultural economy. Extension personnel provide
15 various services to the communities within each county, ranging
16 from individual consultations, educational workshops, and short



1 courses on relevant subjects, including home economics, family
2 living, 4-H and other youth activities, nutrition, and health.

3 The legislature also finds that, over the past twenty
4 years, the college of tropical agriculture and human resources
5 cooperative extension service has experienced a forty-three per
6 cent decrease in extension agents who service the various
7 counties, including a twenty-seven per cent decrease since 2008.
8 Many of the community services that the extension service offers
9 have been cut, most importantly ornamental plant services, which
10 production exceeds \$70,000,000 annually in wholesale value.

11 The purpose of this Act is to address the budgetary
12 shortfalls experienced by the University of Hawaii college of
13 tropical agriculture and human resources cooperative extension
14 service by appropriating moneys for one full-time equivalent
15 ornamental position within the extension.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$87,500 or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 to the
19 university of Hawaii college of tropical agriculture and human
20 resources cooperative extension service for one full-time



S.B. NO. 2836

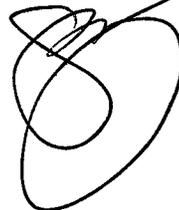
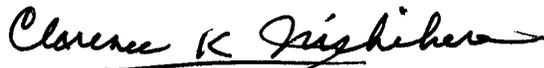
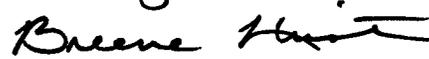
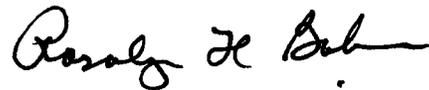
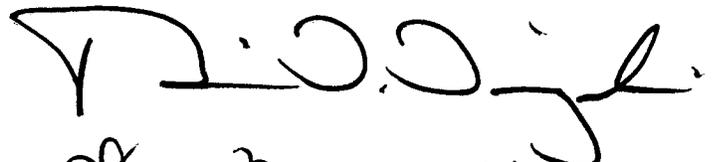
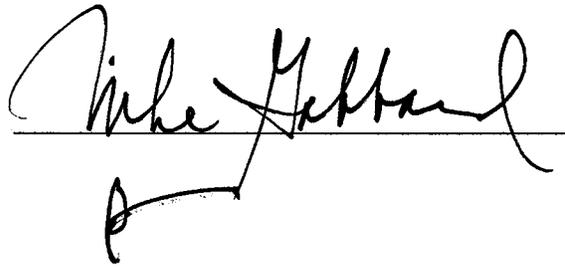
1 equivalent (1.0 FTE) ornamental plant extension agent in the
2 city and county of Honolulu.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the University of
4 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

6

INTRODUCED BY:



S.B. NO. 2836

Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Appropriation; Cooperative Extension Service

Description:

Appropriates funds to the UH college of tropical agriculture and human resources cooperative extension service for one full-time ornamental plant extension agent.

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.

